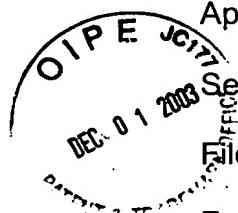


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Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 of the period for response set by the Office Action mailed 31 July 2003. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite Petition fee. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 500.40346X00).

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